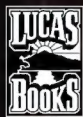




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PART TWO

Conspiracy of evil! Darth Sidious captured and interrogated his former apprentice Maul—and learned that the witch Mother Talzin was behind his resurrection. Aware of Talzin's growing power as a formidable adversary, Sidious devised a plan to use Maul to lure her out into the open, where he can destroy her.

Freed by his allies, Maul rejoined his Mandalorian army on Zanbar, but soon fell under an attack by General Grievous, who routed Maul's forces after an intense ground battle.

Now on the run, Maul attempts to regroup before Sidious, Grievous, and Count Dooku can close ranks around him . . .



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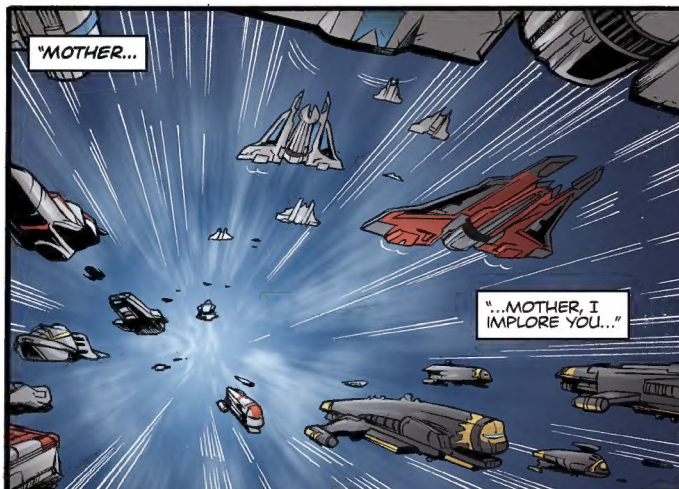
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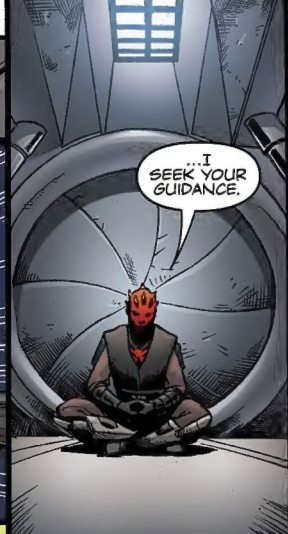


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"MOTHER..."

"...MOTHER, I
IMPORE YOU..."



...I
SEEK YOUR
GUIDANCE.



DO
NOT FIGHT
ME, MY CHILD.
BECOME MY
VESSEL.

SPEAK
TO ME, MY
BELOVED
SON.



I HAVE
DONE AS YOU
WISHED. THE POWER
I AMASSED LURED
YOUR ENEMY,
SIDIOUS.

HE
CAPTURED ME,
BUT I ESCAPED
HIS GRASP.

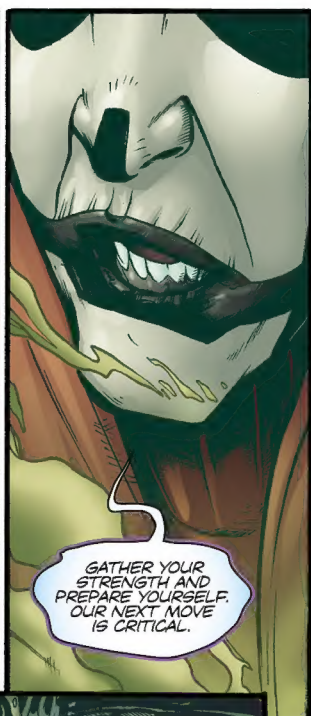
WE MUST
ASSUME THAT
HE ALLOWED
YOU TO BREAK
FREE.

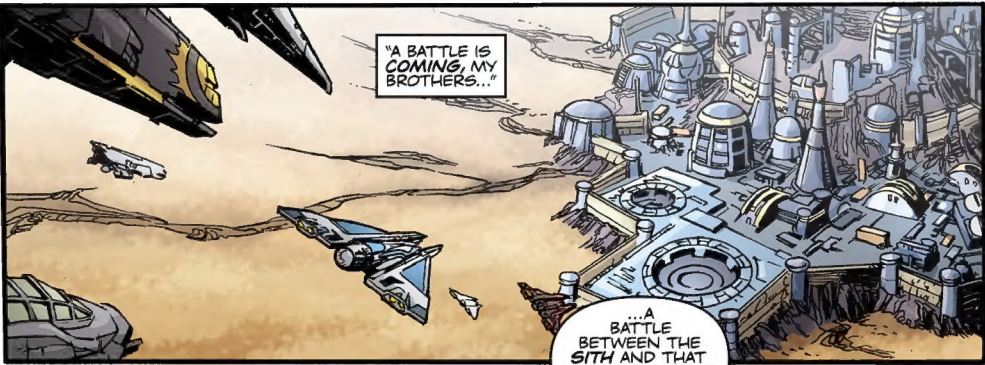
WITH SIDIOUS,
NOTHING IS EVER
AS IT SEEMS. WE
MUST BE THIS
WAY, AS WELL.

YOU
ARE WISE
AS EVER,
MOTHER.

GRIEVOUS
AND HIS DROID
ARMY HAVE
DRIVEN US FROM
ZANBAR. WE ARE
WOUNDED BUT
ALIVE.

WHAT
IS YOUR
GUIDANCE?





"A BATTLE IS COMING, MY BROTHERS..."

...A BATTLE BETWEEN THE SITH AND THAT WHICH THEY FEAR THE MOST -- US.



YOU INSPIRE US ALL, LORD MAUL.

BUT DO YOU TRULY INTEND TO FIGHT COUNT DOOKU AND HIS SEPARATIST LEGIONS?

THEIR FORCES ARE MINDLESS DROIDS, ZITON MOT. TAKE OUT THEIR LEADERSHIP AND THEY ALL FALL DOWN.

THESE CLONE WARS HAVE VASTLY OVEREXTENDED DOOKU AND GENERAL GRIEVOUS. THEY ARE MORE VULNERABLE THAN THEY REALIZE.

AND THEY REMAIN UNAWARE OF OUR TRUE NUMBERS.

PRECISELY, FIFE. WE CAN ATTACK THEM DIRECTLY.

WHEN DOOKU AND GRIEVOUS ARRIVE, WE'LL BE WAITING TO TRAP THEM IN THEIR OWN NET.

MEANWHILE...

OUR SPIES REPORT MANDALORIAN WARSHIPS AMASSING ON ORD MANTELL...

...WHICH ONLY CONFIRMS THAT BLACK SUN IS IN LEAGUE WITH MAUL'S SYNDICATE.

AND IT IS THERE THAT HE GATHERS HIS ARMY, GENERAL.

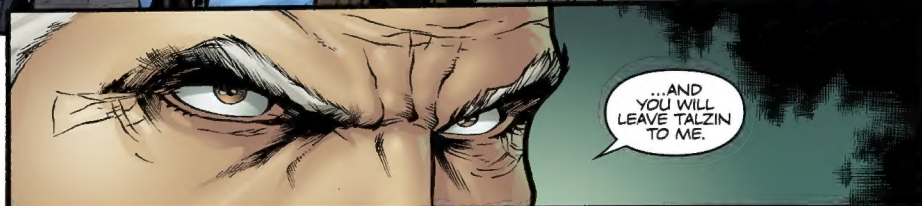
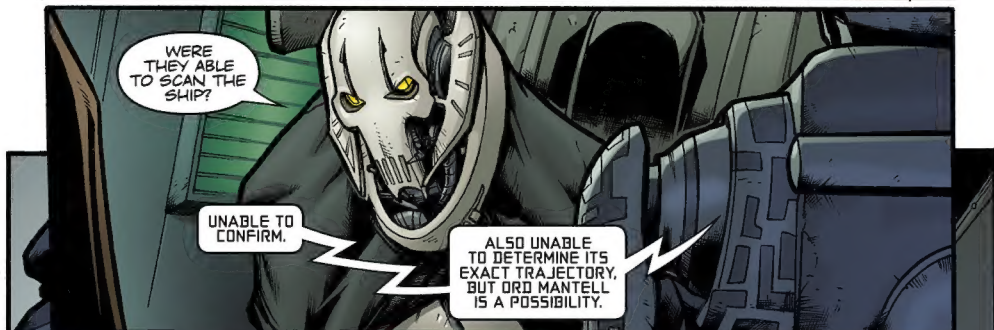
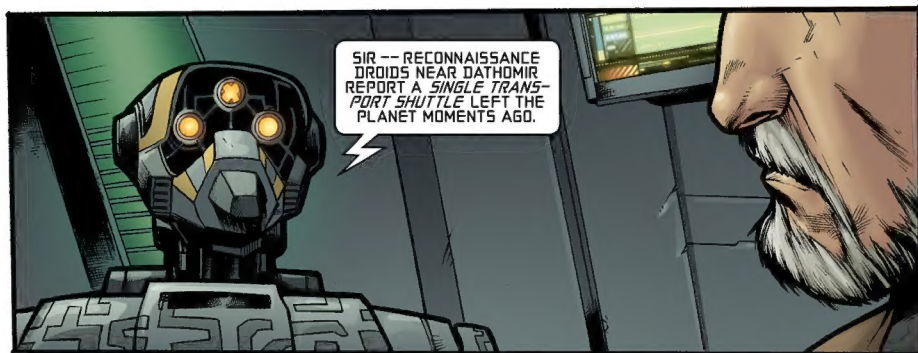
WE CANNOT STRIKE UNTIL WE HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT TALZIN IS THERE WITH HIM.

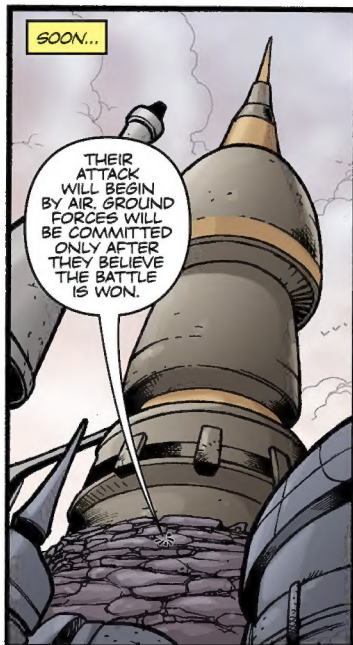
WHY IS THIS WITCH SO IMPORTANT, MY LORD? SHE HAS NO ARMY -- NO POWER COMPARED TO OURS.

TALZIN IS AN OLDER AND FOULER CREATURE THAN YOU GUESS, GENERAL. HER POWER RUNS DEEP.

HER TEACHINGS -- HER MAGIC -- WERE SOUGHT OUT BY MY MASTER. THEY WERE ONCE ALLIES.

NOW HER MEDDLING COULD COMPROMISE ALL OF OUR DESIGNS. SHE MUST BE DESTROYED.





SOON...

THEIR
ATTACK
WILL BEGIN
BY AIR. GROUND
FORCES WILL
BE COMMITTED
ONLY AFTER
THEY BELIEVE
THE BATTLE
IS WON.

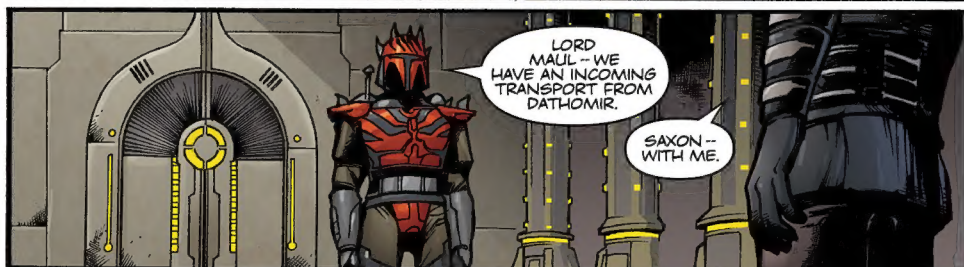


WE
LURE THEM INTO
THE CHOKEPOINTS
HERE. USE THEIR
NUMBERS AGAINST
THEM...



"...ONCE WE DRAW THEM IN,
THE MANDALORIANS WILL
LEAD THE PYKES AND BLACK
SUN'S MERCENARIES IN A
FULL SCALE COUNTERATTACK.

"WHAT WE LACK IN NUMBERS, WE'LL
MAKE UP IN SUPERIOR ABILITY AND
MASTERY OF THE TERRAIN."

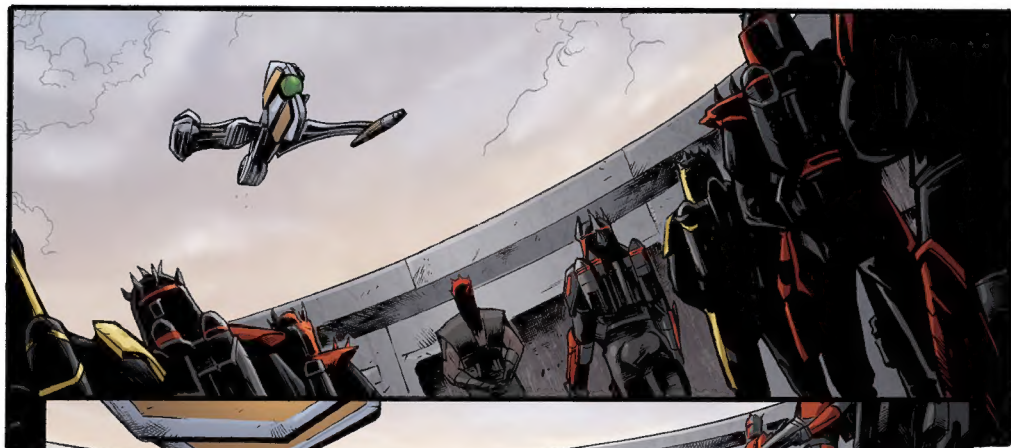


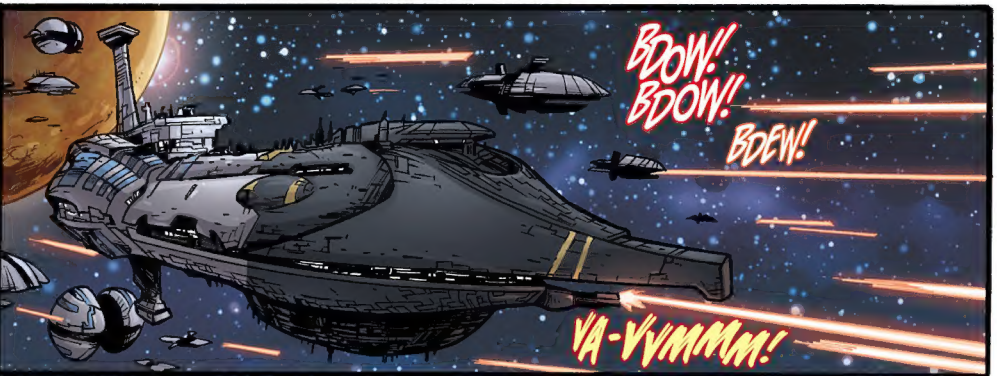
LORD
MAUL - WE
HAVE AN INCOMING
TRANSPORT FROM
DATHOMIR.

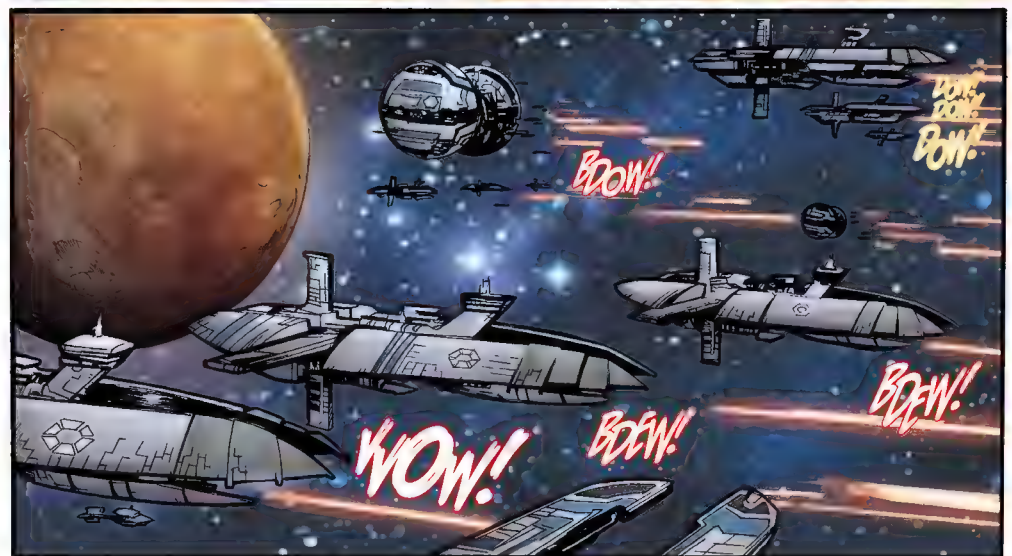
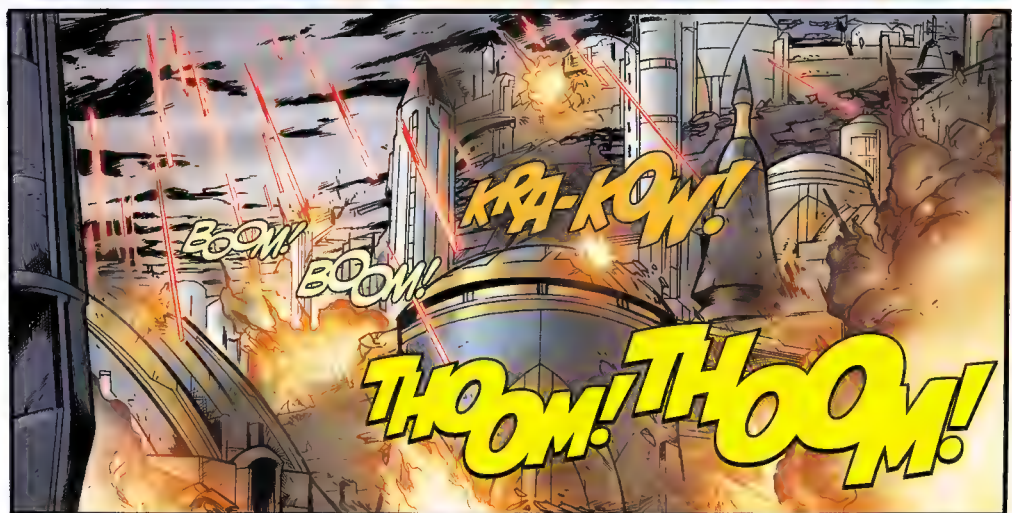
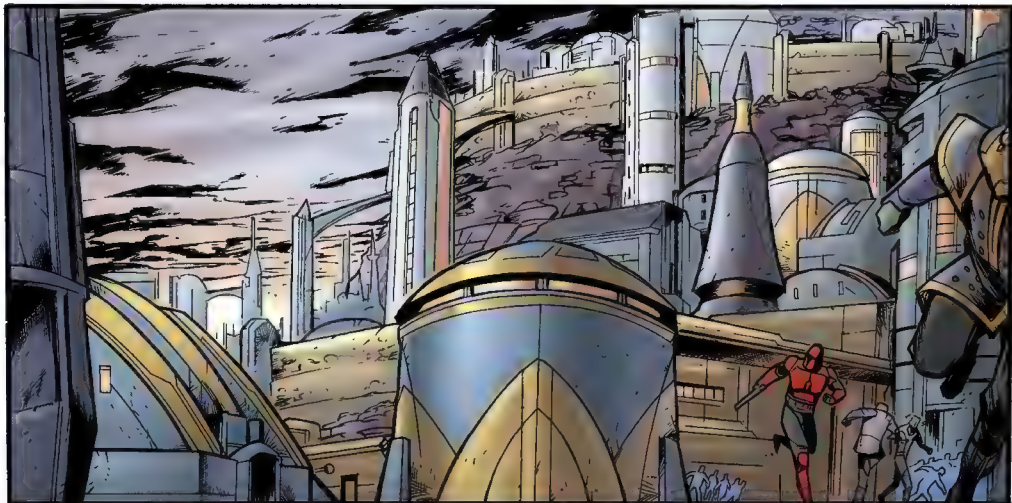
SAXON -
WITH ME.



KAST -
BRING THE
OTHERS UP TO
SPEED ON THE
REST OF MY
PLAN.





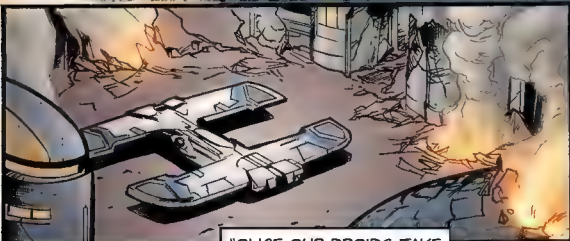




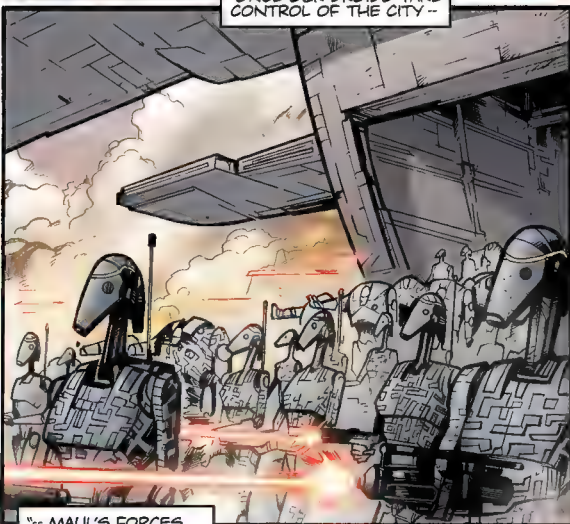


INFANTRY
DEPLOYED,
SIR.

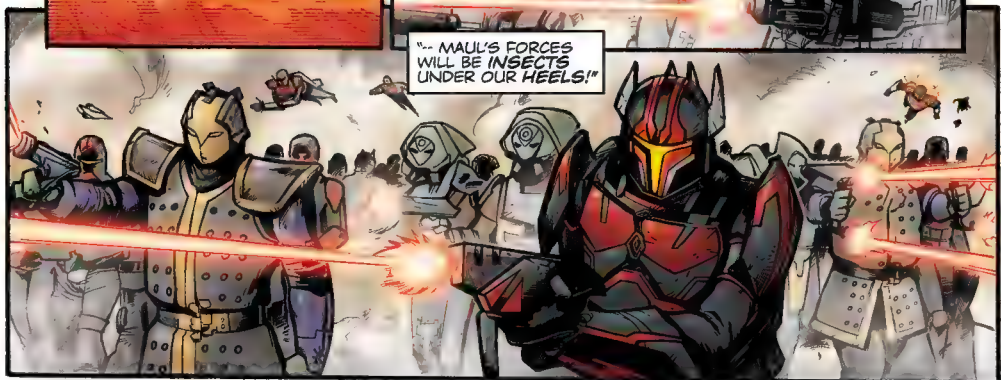
GOOD,
TEY-ZUKA, WE
HAVE THEM ON
THE RUN!

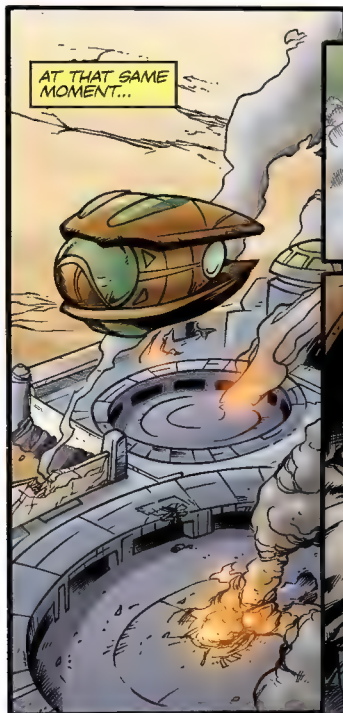


"ONCE OUR DROIDS TAKE
CONTROL OF THE CITY --

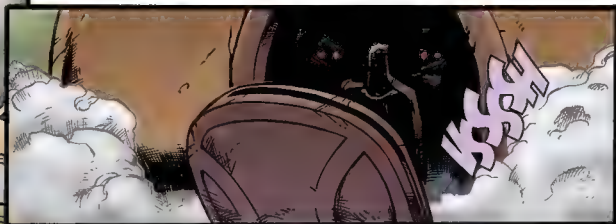


"... MAUL'S FORCES
WILL BE INSECTS
UNDER OUR HEELS!"





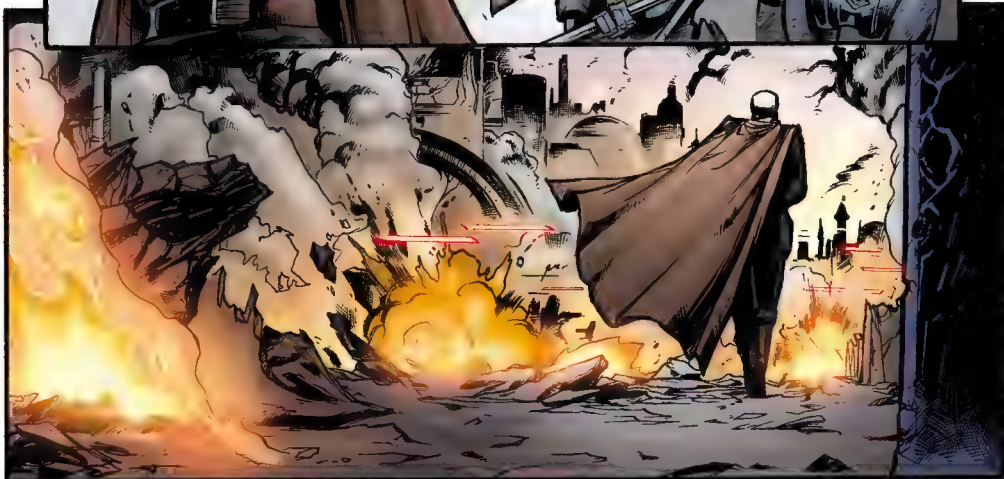
AT THAT SAME
MOMENT...

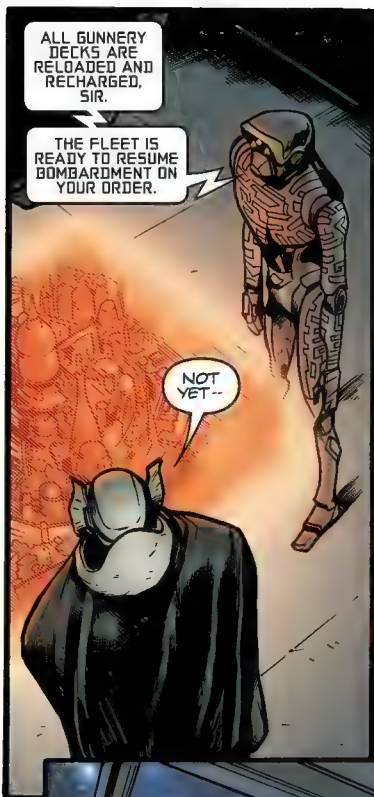


FIND
MAUL
AND THE
WITCH TALZIN
- NO OTHER
TARGETS
MATTER.



LEVEL THE
CITY UNTIL THEY
ARE FOUND!





ALL GUNNERY DECKS ARE RELOADED AND RECHARGED, SIR.

THE FLEET IS READY TO RESUME BOMBARDMENT ON YOUR ORDER.

NOT YET--



-- SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT.

WE KNOW MAUL HAS SEVERAL MANDALORIAN WARSHIPS AT HIS DISPOSAL, BUT WE'VE SEEN NO AERIAL SUPPORT PROTECTING THE CITY...

...SO WHERE ARE THEY?



I CALCULATE THESE WARSHIPS WERE DESTROYED BEFORE THEY COULD LIFT OFF.



NO! THEY WEREN'T DESTROYED--

"... THEY WERE LURING
US INTO A TRAP!"

VEEW!

VEEW! VEW!

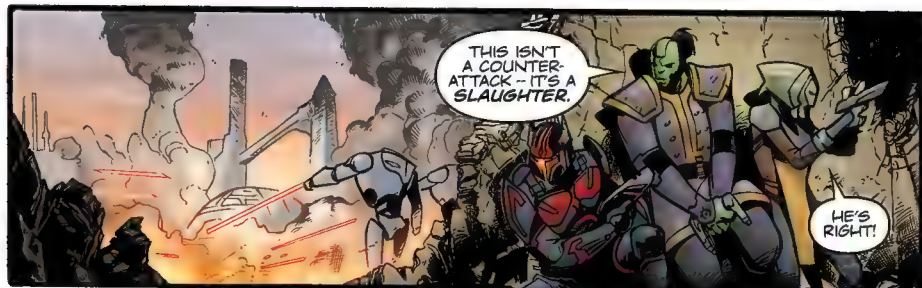
VEEW!

VEW!

FOCUS ON THE
COMMAND SHIP WHILE
THE FLEET'S CANNONS
ARE STILL AIMED AT
THE PLANET...

...WHEN
WE CAPTURE
GRIEVOUS, THE
DROID ARMIES WILL
FALL ALONG
WITH HIM.







CLOSER!
BRING US IN
CLOSER TO THE
COMMAND
SHIP!



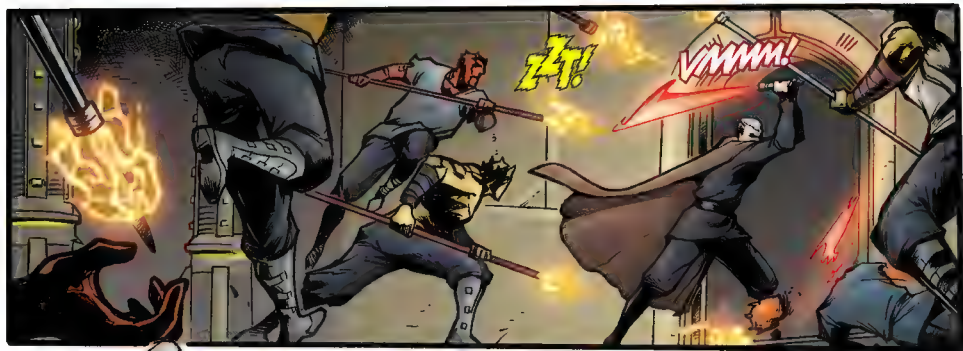
THERE! AS
SOON AS WE'RE
UNDERNEATH THEIR
FIRING RANGE--
ATTACH TO THEIR
SHIP!

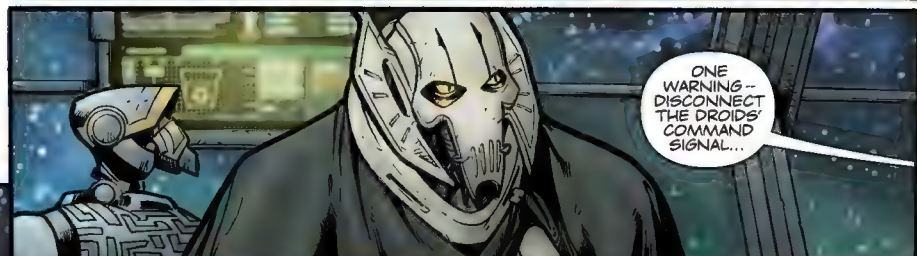
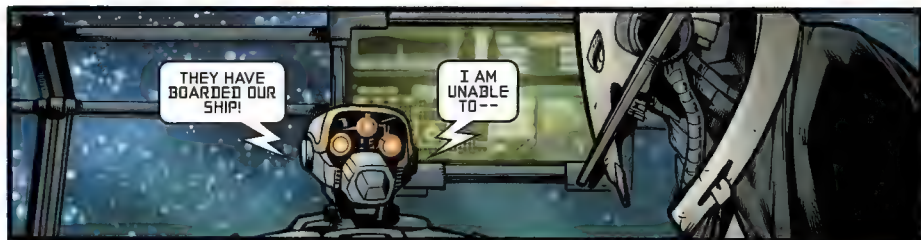


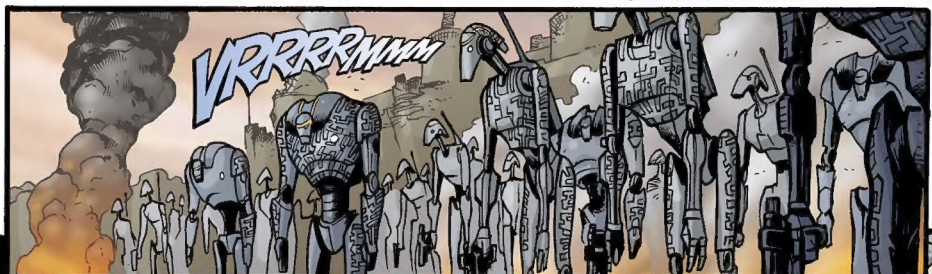
"PREPARE A
BOARDING
PARTY..."

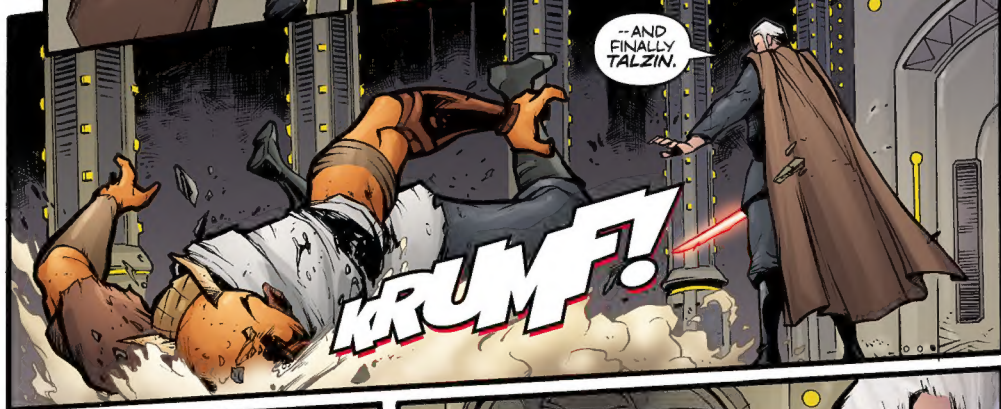


"...WE'RE GOING TO
TAKE THIS FIGHT
RIGHT TO GRIEVOUS!"











STAR WARS

Fawkes

